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ON AGGRESSIVE NATURE OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM

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According to radio "Voice of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification" in south Korea on July 28, "Hyokmyong Chonson", official newspaper of the Central Committee of the said Party, carried a leading editorial article headlined "On Aggressive Nature of American Imperialism" on July 27, the closing day of the month of anti-US joint struggle.

The "Pyongyang Times" carries the partial text of the article:

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American imperialism which has subsisted on aggression and grown rich on plunder now goes on pilgrimages to south Korea and all parts of the world, playing varied peace music and singing a hymn of praise to human rights.

This funny scene which attracts the attention of the world's people does not mean that the US imperialists have reborn into an apostle of peace.

The smiling policy of the United States is a ruse to bridge over the crisis and turn aside from the track of downhill run and a kind of camouflage to embellish its aggressive nature.

US imperialism is invariably pursuing a policy of aggression and war on the Korean peninsula and in the world.

In south Korea a noisy war dance is being performed to the tune of American-style peace, the reinforcement of combat power is being accelerated behind the smokescreen of US troop pullout and the murderous regime of Yusin fascism is enshrouded in the confetti of human rights diplomacy.

The United States is drawing double curved lines of antinomy on a world-wide scale—suppressing the revolutionary forces under the cloak of conciliation, plundering the resources of the third world in the name of cooperation and getting rid of the rivals under the signboard of alliance.

The United States still refuses to throw away a dagger in its belt and give up the dream of plunder. The aggressive and predatory nature of US imperialism has not changed at all and will not change.

US imperialism is the general headquarters of aggression and war and the international centre of exploitation and plunder.

It is, indeed, of great significance to sharply see through the aggressive nature of the United States and establish a correct viewpoint on the United States and anti-US stance to struggle.

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South Korea and the United States are situated on the opposite sides of the globe. But there is the US in south Korea. The US on the North American Continent in the Western Hemisphere of the globe has placed south Korea in the east within its boundary.

The ulterior intention of US imperialism occupying south Korea is to turn that part of Korea into its permanent overseas territory in the Far East.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the legendary hero and sun of Juche, said:

"Since the first days of their occupation of south Korea, the US imperialists have pursued a policy of military aggression and colonial enslavement. As a result, south Korea has been completely turned into a colony, a military base of the US imperialists."

The US imperialists' policy toward south Korea has consistently been to keep it as a colony and military base.

The imperialist aggressive and predatory nature of the United States is concentrically manifested in this strategic aim.

The US imperialists disguise their true colour with the mask of "protector" and "helper" of south Korea.

Nowadays, they talk about the preservation of peace on the Korean peninsula and have the cheek to express concern for the problem of human rights in south Korea.

Has the United States thousands of miles away from south Korea really become its saviour?

Has the United States really taken off the aggressive uniform and turned into peaceable imperialism and humanitarian imperialism?

No! The United States remains an aggressor as ever. Hidden behind the melody of protection played by the US are the colonial chains and behind the signboard of aid advertised by it a dagger of pillage. US protection is a reversed version of aggressive strategy and its aid is a reversed version of the predatory policy.

The United States places south Korea as ever in the kernel point in its Asian strategy.

The aggressive stratagem of US imperialism on the Korean peninsula is to keep south Korea as a permanent colony and use it as a military stronghold for restraining socialist countries. Herein lies the basis of the US imperialists' consistent policy of aggression toward Korea for keeping hold on south Korea as a colony and military base.

For this strategic purpose, the US combines direct military occupation with indirect puppet rule in south Korea and applies a peculiar ruling method incorporating all the viciousness and craftiness of colonialism, old and new.

By this colonial code of combined version, US imperialism behaves as the absolute suzerain state which seizes the main arteries of all fields of south Korea, political and military, economic and cultural.

There is the title of the state, but no sovereignty; there is regime, but no administrative power; there is the national army, but no prerogative of supreme command; and there is President, but no real power in colonial south Korea.

US imperialism is the actual ruler monopolizing all power of south Korea and the Republic of Korea is a puppet regime which exists only in name. The policy worked out at the White House is instantly reflected on the political weather chart of Chongwadae and the instructions of the US Ambassador to south Korea are made public as the administrative policy of the President.

US economic aid has reduced the south Korean economy to a deformed dependent economy.

The ideological and cultural infiltration of the US is sinking south Korean society into the muddy stream of Yankeenization.

The keystone of the US imperialists' colonial policy toward south Korea is the policy of turning it into a military base. From the beginning of their occupation of south Korea, the US imperialists have directed all their efforts to the conversion of the whole area of south Korea into a military base and barracks.

Hence everything on and under ground, animate and inanimate, in south Korea has been totally hurled into militarisation.

The US policy of colonization and militarization assumes a more crafty nature as the crisis at home and abroad grows acute and the power balance turns unfavourable to it.

The proposed withdrawal of US troops from south Korea which has become of late the focal point of public opinion cannot be an exception.

If the US troops present in south Korea were withdrawn, though rather belated, it would be a logical conclusion and welcome.

But, contrary to the commitments of US President Carter, some political forces and military quarters of the United States declare that the US ground force in south Korea will be withdrawn phase by phase, but the air and naval forces and support units will remain there.

This is a far cry to the immediate withdrawal and the total withdrawal and means that, even after the scheduled troop pullout, combat aircraft of the US air force would fly in the air, task force fleets of the US navy would sail in the sea and US support units including intelligence, communications and logistics would strut about on the soil of south Korea.

What they do these days indicates that they intend to ship more into south Korea than to withdraw.

The United States is pushing forward the reinforcement of combat power behind the scene, while crying for withdrawal outwardly.

Placing the reinforcement of combat power of the south Korean army on the top of the list, it is increasing the military aid twofold and four-fold by geometrical progression.

It has already thrown 1,800 million dollars into the five-year modernization program of the ROK army and plans to supply military equipment and war industry installations worth thousands of millions of dollars in the second program.

In fiscal 1978 alone the US has additionally allocated 270 million dollars in war reserve stockpiles and endorsed additional weapon sale to the tune of 100 million dollars for the Pak regime plus the military assistance fund scaled at 280 million dollars which is equal to that of the previous year.

The United States is forcing upon militarist Japan a share of burden in the aid to south Korea and a military role on the Korean peninsula and is making the US-Japan-south Korea triangular military alliance system a fait accompli.

Around the Korean peninsula the United States is bringing into shape a treble encirclement ring of the Japan Islands line, the Micronesia line and the Hawaii line and massively deploying the Fifth Air Force, the Seventh Fleet and the Third Marine Division in the West Pacific direction.

The mobile striking force directed against the Korean peninsula is being reinforced at hundreds of US bases around south Korea and various joint war exercises are becoming more frequent. This is fraught with a great danger.

It claims that the reinforcement of combat power is inevitable to maintain the equilibrium of forces on the Korean peninsula and prepare against the threat of aggression from the north.

The threat of downward thrust from the north is a pure fiction like a mirage and a trite pretext for preparing a war.

Accordingly, the equilibrium doctrine on the premise of the threat of southward invasion is a self-seeking paradox for justifying arms reinforcement.

Behind the proposed troop withdrawal the United States is ipso facto seeking for a preponderance of strength, not the equilibrium of forces, and building up the attacking force, not deterrents.

All the moves of the US in connection with the withdrawal of US troops stationed in south Korea prove that its policy of aggression on Korea is becoming more intellectual.

The invariable aggressive nature of US imperialism finds vivid manifestation also in its instigation of the puppets in south Korea to put fresh muscles into the military fascist dictatorship.

The military fascist dictatorship of south Korea is a typical model of the fascist rule of the imperialists over a colony.

Fascism and aggression are inseparable twins. Fascism is always accompanied by aggression, and fascist rampage leads to obliterating human rights.

In strengthening the fascist rule in south Korea, US imperialism seeks to crush the resisting elements standing in the way of the execution of its policy of aggression and thus get rid of the crisis of the colonial domination which has reached its high-water mark, and accelerate preparations for war at faster pace.

US State Secretary Vance declared that the United States would not hesitate to stop aid to foreign governments suppressing human rights. But, the pledge yesterday is denied by the action today.

The United States gives a special favour to south Korea, turning a blind eye to human rights violation there, under the pretext of peculiarity distinguishing it from other countries. It is encouraging the fascist repressive policy of the Pak regime, increasing military aid to south Korea where human rights are most ruthlessly violated in the world.

Today in south Korea the masses of people are not granted civil rights. Only murderous evil laws and prisons have cropped up like so many toadstools in the land where human rights are strangulated and only the military and police personnel and intelligence agents are roistering and swaggering. If one calls for democratic civil rights, he is arrested without warrant, and if one demands peaceful reunification, he is taken to prison and gallows.

The United States which claims to stand for a diplomacy of human rights and morality is patronizing the Pak Jung Hi fascist group notorious for human rights violation. Herein lies its double-faced nature.

US imperialism takes up the human rights problem when it is needed for the policy of aggression and ignores it when it is unfavourable. This contradictory deed is obviously an open defence and encouragement to the Yusin fascist dictatorship of the Pak Jung Hi group.

The aggressive nature of US imperialism finds vivid expression in a "two Koreas" policy.

US imperialism is the very one responsible for national division and a snag in the way of independent reunification.

Fixing division is an inevitable product of the US policy of aggression. The United States declares that a "two Koreas" policy is its main point in its Korean peninsula policy in accordance with the American doctrine of divide and rule.

While pursuing its splittist policy, the United States never fails to talk about Korea's reunification and the resumption of the north-south dialogue.

If it is truly interested in our reunification question, it should create a climate of reunification in Korea and stop interfering in the internal affairs of our nation. But it acts to the contrary.

The United States supports in words reunification and north-south dialogue but in deed encourages the Pak Jung Hi group to division and anti-communist confrontation.

It has not implemented even the resolution of the UN General Assembly whose content is the disbandment of the UN Command, the withdrawal of US troops from south Korea and the replacement of the Armistice Agreement with a peace agreement.

Worse still, it makes no scruple of resorting to an international plot to realize the simultaneous entry into the UN of "two Koreas" and the cross recognition of the north and south in an attempt to get an international ratification of permanent division.

The double-dealing actions of the United States which talks about reunification while acting for division reveal the true colour of the aggressor and splittist.

The United States does not and will not want the reunification of our country. As long as US imperialism stays in this land, the sufferings of our compatriots cannot be obviated, nor can the desire of the nation for reunification be achieved.

War, fascism and division are all the excrements of the US imperialists' policy of Korean aggression.

US imperialism is the incarnation of aggression and war, the backstage manipulator of fascism and the very one who brought about national split.

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Korea is part of the world. The jackboots of those invading Korea trample upon every part of the world.

It is the consistent principle of action for US imperialism to pursue aggression and war, exploitation and plunder throughout the world.

Running downhill in the great current of the stirring international situation, the US global strategy is being carried into action in a craftier manner.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the lodestar of human emancipation and genius of revolution, noted:

"The US authorities are resorting to the double-faced tactics. On the one hand, they employ the tactics of putting up the signboard of 'peace' to fool people while, on the other, working craftily to expand military bases and step up war preparations."

The double-faced tactics is the basic stratagem in implementing the global strategy of US imperialism and the main characteristics running through the diplomatic policy of the United States of America.

The double-faced and crafty nature has never been so maximized as today in the crime-ridden American history of aggression.

Today the double-faced tactics of Yankee imperialism has reached the culminating point.

US imperialism throws a smile of peace and makes sheep's eyes of reconciliation everywhere in the world. Washington's floral signboards of peace strategy and human rights diplomacy and New York's high-blown advertisements of east-west rapprochement and north-south cooperation are so pompous that they may cause giddiness.

Does the United States really want peace, not war, want rapprochement, not confrontation, and follow the road of aid, not plunder, in the world arena?

A fang of aggression is hidden behind the smile of peace thrown by US imperialism and a tentacle of plunder behind its cry about cooperation.

The US is preparing a war behind the smokescreen of peace, plundering the third world, disguising itself as a philanthropist, and nibbling at its allies, pretending to be the saviour of the West.

The basic method of the American global strategy is to advocate peace outwardly and step up war preparations behind the scene.

The point is that US imperialism is disturbing peace while clamouring that it defends peace, and is seeking a war while pronouncing that it opposes a war.

Amid the ever louder cry about a quest for peace and preservation of it, the US defence budget has long surpassed the 100,000 million dollar mark. The munitions industry whose reduction was announced is expanding and overseas bases whose dismantling was proclaimed are being reinforced.

The double-dealing tactics of US imperialism in military strategy has given rise to such crafty war method as a war by proxy and a contract war. This old tactics of the Yankee warmongers making others shed blood and snatching the booties themselves was stripped bare in the two world wars and a number of local wars including the Middle East wars.

The moves of the US in reinforcing the NATO in Europe, strengthening the US-Japan security system in the Far East and increasing the export of weapons to Israel in the Middle East are the course of preparing a war by proxy.

Everywhere in the world US imperialism now tries to pit other countries against each other and fish in troubled waters and attaches strategic importance to the three regions—Western Europe, Northeast Asia and the Middle East. These three strategic directions are evidently set against socialist countries.

US imperialism makes the socialist countries the main targets of its war policy.

Behind the facade of east-west rapprochement and detente, the offensive posture of US imperialism against the forces of socialism is becoming all the more pronounced with each passing day.

The strategic arms limitation advertised so loudly by the US imperialists is a trick to secure strategic predominance and their human rights diplomacy is, in the final analysis, a political swindle designed to disunite some socialist countries.

By manipulating paid trumpeters, the US ruling quarters are slinging mud at the socialist system and inciting confrontation with the forces of socialism.

However hard the US may try to veil with a silk cloth of peace, it can never conceal the class basis and reactionary nature of its war policy intended to check the international revolutionary forces and save the old capitalist economic order.

US imperialism is now directing the spearhead of its aggression to the third world.

The United States is turning its covetous eyes especially to Africa which is blessed with inexhaustible natural resources and limitless potential.

In its aggression on the third world, US imperialism combines the splittist and estrangement manoeuvres with generosity offensive, taking the aggressive honey-and-whip doctrine of colonialism as a favourite maxim.

Everywhere on the three continents—the Middle East area and Western Sahara, Angola and the Congo plains, Southeast Asia and Pakistan—the US Central Intelligence Agency is sowing the seeds of discord, giving rise to disputes and fostering split. It is nobody's secret that when conflict breaks out, whether in the Mediterranean or the Indian Ocean, the US marine corps and aircraft carriers are immediately rushed and a whole pack of special agents of the US CIA are secretly dispatched for clandestine activities.

The US squeezed colossal superprofits by abusing its monopoly of food and weapons. Yet it poses as a benefactor bestowing favours on the third world.

But no beautiful trade mark can conceal the stark fact that the US honey jar contains poison.

The US imperialists' aggressive desire knows no bounds.

The United States is running about to penetrate into the developed capitalist states by disguising itself as a friend of the western allies and subordinate them.

Bumping into greater resistance, as it penetrates deeper into the third world, the United States is coming out with a doctrine of three-nation engines and scheming to form a counter-revolutionary alliance of international monopolies.

This means that the economy of the capitalist world should be pulled by three engines together with West Germany and Japan, as it can no longer be pulled by the US engine single-handed.

This US sinister scheme is the reactionary plan to form a holy American alliance for preventing the total bankruptcy of modern capitalism, just as the reactionary forces of whole Europe formed the Holy Alliance to preserve the mediaeval dark society.

The United States resorts to the extremely cunning method of administering a dose of medicine after giving a disease in order to rally the western allies in this Holy Alliance of modern version.

It adopts the strategy of occupying an exclusive position in the capitalist world in the fields of food, weapons, petroleum and atomic energy and, with it as a lever, subjugating to itself the developed capitalist states such as Japan and West Germany, pretending to help them.

It uses the multinational corporations, the form of international monopoly, as an important tool of economic infiltration. The multinational corporations under US control have appeared on the scene as a monster of the 20th century seizing the economic arteries and realizing political fusion by penetrating into the capitalist industrial states under disguise.

Quite contrary to the deceptive slogan of respect for the allies and consultation and cooperation with them, the United States pursues the policy of weakening the competitive force of Western industrial states and using them, and the policy of making them draw the waggon by putting them to the yoke.

Just as the American way of search for peace and pursuance of justice in which black and white are reversed, the unity of the West is also a fraud, and it is fated to go busted in the long run.

With no cunning double-dealing tactics can US imperialism cover its true colour.

US imperialism is the ringleader of aggression and war, the police of the world and the biggest international exploiter.

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Today the United States has decked gorgeous ceremony halls of peace strategy in south Korea and the world and is singing the lyrical songs of peace, aid and cooperation, not the military songs of aggression and war.

But, this does not mean that the aggressive nature of US imperialism has changed.

Then why is the United States throwing a smile of peace strategy now?

It clings to the double-faced peace strategy not because of its mightiness but, on the contrary, of its weakness.

The double-dealing tactics of the US reflects the irrationality and contradictions between the unbridled greed of the monopolies seeking limitless high-rate profits and the given condition for its realisation.

US imperialism is now undergoing the most acute pains ever since it came into being.

This crisis has resulted, first of all, from the total bankruptcy of the policy of strength for world supremacy.

The US which lorded it over as the chieftain of imperialism after the Second World War chose the Korean peninsula as the site of showdown of strength and provoked the June 25 disturbance. But what it got was that the myth about its mightiness was exploded and it drank the first bitter cup of decay and ruin.

Thus, US imperialism was put on the track of downhill run to decay, not on the highway of prosperity, and a new chapter of history of the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle was opened on the globe.

The daring advance of the third world which has emerged as a mighty anti-imperialist revolutionary force in the era of independence binds hand and foot the US imperialists who battened, carrying matters with a high hand, on the three continents in the past.

The unheard-of crisis attesting to the weakness of US imperialism finds expression in economic catastrophe in particular.

The basic factor of the crisis into which the whole economy of the United States has been driven lies, above all, in its policy of aggression for world supremacy and the attendant suicidal arms race and militarization of the economy.

The lopsided expansion of the war industry has considerably weakened the international competitive capacity of the US economy, depriving it of its old dominant position in the capitalist world. The US economic hegemony is crumbling in the fierce trade war and currency war among Japan, West Germany and other capitalist industrial countries.

The US economy today is "an economy like a rotten old tree" predicting the bankruptcy of the American empire, as the Americans themselves deplore.

The present crisis of the US in which the most alarming red light signal in its bicentennial history is up, further incites the greedy ambition of the US monopolies and encourages them to a new aggression and war.

The imperialists' law of existence is to seek a way out of the crisis in aggression and war.

But, at present the United States finds it beyond its power to dominate the world singlehanded and also finds it difficult to gain superiority in military power due to its economic depression.

This makes the United States employ the double-dealing tactics to gain time and prepare for a new war on the one hand and to split and disorganise other countries on the other.

The double-dealing tactics of the US imperialists is the same as the peddling method of dangling mutton to sell dog meat. In other words, it is like putting up the signboard of pork to sell the dog meat and, if this fails, putting up the signboard of beef.

The aggressive and predatory nature of US imperialism has not changed in the least. If there is any change, it is not the aggressive nature of US imperialism but its tactics for world domination.

Aggression and plunder are the basic way of existence, means of existence and property of imperialism.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, a past master of thought and theory, taught:

"The imperialists... make aggression and war their regular business, their basic means of existence."

Imperialism is a system of aggression and war and a system of unlimited exploitation and plunder.

Aggression and plunder are the two life lines maintaining the body of imperialism.

Imperialism subsists on plunder, its endless lust for plunder produces aggression and war and they, on their part, enliven plunder.

Accordingly, as one cannot talk about imperialism apart from exploitation and plunder, so he cannot think of imperialism which knows no aggression and war. If there is an imperialism without aggression and plunder, it will no longer be imperialistic.

The socio-economic basis of the predatory and aggressive nature of imperialism is the rule of monopoly. It is the basic organism and vitamin of imperialism.

The purpose of monopolies is to seek a limitless monopolistic high rate of profit and their desire to gratify this lust is endless. Only the monopolistic high rate of profit is their purpose, will and spirit which will leave traces even after their death.

All these arguments about imperialism are scientific and realistic. Is it not a truth that the aggressive nature of US imperialism cannot change?

Those who deny this truth of history are only the imperialists and their servants.

This is because they themselves traversed and are traversing the most criminal road. Such futile challenge of theirs is rejected by the history of the birth, development and fall of imperialism.

The history of imperialism from its birth on the globe to this day is a history of crime filled with plunder and aggression against hundreds of millions of people of the world and territories of other countries and a blood-stained record of curse woven with slaughter and destruction.

The aggressive history of US imperialism, the chieftain of modern imperialism, is a history of bloodshed and a history of blood-sucking filled with the most vicious crime of the crimes recorded in human history.

On the globe, not a day has passed without the flames of war being kindled by the US imperialists and not an hour has passed without guiltless people shedding blood.

US imperialism is the truculent international gendarme and the chieftain of aggression and war.

The aggressive nature of US imperialism can and will not change. US imperialism will exploit, oppress and plunder mankind till its ruin.

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As long as there exists US imperialism in the world, our nation and humanity cannot live in peace even a single day.

The total withdrawal of the US troops stationed in south Korea is the needs of the present time advocating independence and the unanimous demand of our nation and the whole mankind.

There is no reason or pretext whatsoever for US imperialism to stay on in south Korea. The US troops occupying south Korea must withdraw immediately and totally.

The imperialists will never give up their aggressive ambition of their own accord nor will they retreat submissively from their position of aggression. To harbour an illusion about imperialism means slavish submission, self-deception and death.

The patriotic people of all strata and democrats of all parties and groupings must vigorously wage the anti-US national salvation struggle, forming a broad alliance and uniting as one man.

The anti-US national salvation struggle of the south Korean people is inseparably linked with the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle of progressive mankind.

We should strengthen ties with the world's revolutionary forces and peace-loving forces who reject the aggression and plunder by imperialism and oppose the occupation of south Korea by US imperialism.

At present the anti-US struggle is the greatest task devolved upon mankind and its common duty. The peoples of all countries should form an anti-imperialist united front and resolutely take the anti-US joint action, pooling their strength.

The decline and fall of US imperialism is an inexorable law and inevitability of history.

Neither the White House nor the Pentagon has strength or magical prescription to save the American empire from this road to the grave.

The day when the US imperialists could invade and trample underfoot other countries at will has gone far to the other side of history never to return.

Ours is an era of independence when under the radiant rays of the immortal Juche idea founded by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the sun of all the people, hundreds of millions of people have emerged as the pioneer of their destiny and are powerfully turning ahead the wheels of history, smashing the chains of imperialism.

In the powerful torrent of the great Juche era the anti-imperialist national-liberation movement is advancing from victory to victory and the system of imperialism and colonialism is crumbling beyond retrieve.

The Revolutionary Party for Reunification and the south Korean people who are advancing, holding high the revolutionary banner of ever-victorious great Juche, will clear our fatherland of the US forces of aggression and achieve the national historic cause of independent and peaceful reunification without fail by more vigorously waging the anti-US struggle.

TELEGRAMS

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and Comrade **Pak Sung Chul**, Premier of the Administration Council, sent a message of greetings to Comrade **Edward Gierek**, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party, Comrade **Henryk Jablonski**, President of the State Council of the Polish People's Republic, and Comrade **Piotr Jaroszewicz**, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the PPR, on the occasion of the 33rd anniversary of the resurrection of Poland.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the CC of the WPK and President of the DPRK, cabled Comrade **Fidel Castro Ruz**, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba and President of the Council of State of the Republic of Cuba, greeting the 24th anniversary of the July 26 armed uprising of the Cuban people.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent a message of greetings to **Mohamed Anwar el-Sadat**, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the July 23 revolution, the national holiday of the Egyptian people.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent a message of greetings to **Ibrahim Nasir**, President of the Republic of Maldives, on the national day of the Republic of Maldives.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent a message of greetings to **William Richard Tolbert**, President of the Republic of Liberia, on the occasion of the independence day of Liberia.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, sent a message to **Francisco Morales Bermudez Cerrutti**, President of the Republic of Peru, in congratulation of the independence day of Peru.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the CC of the WPK and President of the DPRK, and Comrade **Pak Sung Chul**, Premier of the Administration Council, received a message from Comrade **Y. Tsedenbal**, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party, and Comrade **Z. Batmunkh** in reply to their message of greetings sent to the latter on their respective reelection and reappointment as President of the Presidium of the Grand People's Hural of the Mongolian People's Republic and Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the MPR.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, received a message from **Kristjan Eldjarn**, President of the Republic of Iceland, in reply to his message of greetings sent to the latter on the occasion of the national fete of Iceland.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the CC of the WPK and President of the DPRK, received a message from **Samora Moises Machel**, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Liberation Front of Mozambique and President of the People's Republic of Mozambique, in reply to his message of greetings sent to the latter on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the foundation of the Liberation Front of Mozambique and the second anniversary of the proclamation of the independence of Mozambique.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, received a message from Head of State **Ali Soilih**, President of the Social Laic Democratic Republic of Comoros, in reply to his message of greetings sent to the latter on the occasion of the second anniversary of the independence of Comoros.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, received a message from **Houari Boumediene**, President of the Algerian Democratic and People's Republic, in reply to his message of greetings sent to the latter on the 15th anniversary of Algeria's independence.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, President of the DPRK, received a message from **Hassan Gouled Aptidon** in reply to his message of greetings sent to the latter upon the proclamation of the independence of Djibouti and his assumption of office as first President.

✦ The great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, General Secretary of the CC of the WPK, received a message of solidarity from Comrade **Santiago Carrillo**, General Secretary of the Spanish Communist Party, on the occasion of the June 25-July 27 Month of Anti-US Joint Struggle.

Japanese People of Various Quarters Warmly Hail the Great Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG's Answers to NHK Reporters' Questions

On July 7 and 13, NHK TV, projecting the respectful image of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung giving answers to the NHK reporters' questions during its nearly whole telecasting time, aired his answers given on July 3 under the title "President Kim Il Sung Grants an Exclusive Interview".

This was the longest videocast since the start of the Japanese TV broadcast.

When the TV screened the respectful image of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung cordially receiving the Japanese NHK reporters and shaking hands with them, the televiewers simultaneously clapped their hands in loud applause, with great emotion.

Meanwhile, NHK Radio also put the great leader's answers on the air on July 13.

Upon hearing the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung's answers to the NHK reporters' questions over the TV and radio, many Japanese public figures expressed support and sympathy for his answers profound in contents.

In his statement Kuno Chuji, Chairman of the Dietmen's League for the Promotion of Japan-Korea Friendship, said:

The President gave clear-cut answers to the reporters' questions and convincingly explained the matter of US troop pullout, linking it with the problem of Korea's independent and peaceful reunification.

I actively support the policy of national reunification expounded by the President. Now is the time, I think, for the United States to stop talking about its commitments pertaining to the US troop withdrawal and take prompt, practical action in the interests of Korea's reunification.

The President said that the international conditions compelled the DPRK to establish the 200-mile economic sea limit to defend the sovereignty of the country and that he would make efforts to avoid inflicting losses on the small fishermen of Japan.

As the President pointed out, the Japanese government should handle the fishery question as early as possible on the principle of reciprocity, I believe.

Yoneda Togo, member of the House of Representatives from the Japan Socialist Party, had this to say:

Before anything else, I was deeply impressed by the fact that the President attends to state affairs in good health and full of energy.

For the solution of Korea's reunification problem, the US troops must pull out totally and the Pak "regime" discontinue its suppression of human rights.

The broadcast delivered this time is of tremendous significance because the policy pursued by the northern half of the Republic has been rightly expressed through the words of President Kim Il Sung.

We will also push forward the Japan-Korea friendship movement with greater conviction and firmer faith.

Odaka Yoshiko, a member of the House of Councillors from the Liberal Democratic Party, remarked:

Listening to his precious words through the TV this time, I again came to a deep realization of his unusual sweep, his infinitely generous tolerance and his genial personality, and my excitement was irrepressible.

With regard to the establishment of the 200-mile economic sea zone, he stated that he would endeavour to avoid inflicting losses on the small fishermen of Japan. From this statement I could not but feel deeply the noble virtue of the President who loves people.

Watanabe Sahei, President of the Japan-Korea Association, said:

The President pointed out that there is a discrepancy between Carter's election commitments on the withdrawal of US troops from south Korea and his deed. I think what the President said is quite right.

As the President said, if the US troops withdraw from south Korea this will mean the elimination of one of the biggest obstacles in the way of the solution of the question of Korea's reunification. So the US troops must quit south Korea completely.

Expressing sympathy with the policy of Korea's independent and peaceful reunification clarified by President Kim Il Sung, I extend solidarity to the Korean people's struggle for its thorough implementation.

I will strive harder for the promotion of the friendly relations between Japan and Korea.

Amadatsu Tadao, Professor of the Meiji Gakuin University, said:

Through the TV broadcast this time I keenly felt how deeply President Kim Il Sung is concerned to provide the people with a worthwhile life.

Seeing the cheerful children and the brave people screened on the TV, I could hardly repress my envy at them. This scene shows the advantages of the socialist system established in the DPRK.

Indeed, the President is an outstanding political leader who guarantees the present happiness of the people and their bright future.

Today the trend of events in the world and in Asia demands independence just as the President said.

Along this trend the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea will be realized on the principles of independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity propounded by the President.

As a Japanese, I express firm solidarity with the Korean people in their struggle.

Kanda Norio, representative of the Yobiko-cho Fishery Cooperative in Saga Prefecture, observed:

I have got an indescribably deep impression from the scrupulous care of the President shown particularly for the safety of the small fishermen of Japan.

From now on, the problem depends on the attitude of the Japanese government authorities.

The Japanese government, which has so far been unfriendly towards the DPRK, must deeply reflect on its attitude.

We fishermen in western Japan extend our hearty thanks to President Kim Il Sung and sincerely wish him good health and a long life.

The answers given by the great leader are continuously arousing great support and deep sympathy among the Japanese people of all walks of life.

Central Memorial Meeting Held on 45th Anniversary of Death of Mother Kang Ban Sok,

An Ardent Communist and Prominent Political Activist

A central memorial meeting was held on July 31 at the People's Palace of Culture on the 45th anniversary of the death of Mother Kang Ban Sok, an ardent communist and prominent political activist.

Placed with due respect on the platform of the meeting hall was a portrait of Mother Kang Ban Sok who dedicated her whole life to the sacred cause—the restoration of the fatherland and the emancipation of the women.

The meeting was attended by functionaries of the Party and power bodies and working people's organizations, soldiers of the People's Army and working people and women in Pyongyang.

Also present at the meeting were the members of the 34th home-visiting group of compatriots in Japan headed by Sin Jong Su, Chairman of the Tsushima Headquarters of Chongryon (the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan).

The platform was taken up by Comrade Pak Sung Chul, Comrade Kang Ryang Uk and other leading personages.

All the attendants rose to their feet and observed a moment's silence with deep reverence in memory of Mother Kang Ban Sok.

A memorial address was made at the meeting by Comrade Chong Jun Gi.

Born in Chilgol, Ha-ri, Ryongsan ryon, Taedong county, South Pyongan Province, on April 21, 1892, Mother Kang Ban Sok received education in a patriotic and revolutionary family and had a fervent anti-Japanese patriotic spirit and a noble and strong character from her early years.

The speaker said:

Mother Kang Ban Sok who had waged a relentless struggle overcoming a grim trial with a boundless fidelity to the revolutionary cause and a firm conviction of the victory of the revolution, passed away to our sorrow on July 31, 1932, at the age of 40, failing to see the restoration of the fatherland. But the noble revolutionary life of the mother who performed imperishable fighting exploits and possessed a lofty revolutionary spirit shines for ever in the hearts of our people.

The life of Mother Kang Ban Sok, an indomitable communist revolutionary fighter and prominent leader of the Korean women's movement, is a brilliant life that recorded undying exploits in the history of

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EDITORIAL

Strong Demonstration of International Solidarity with Just Cause of Korean People

The "Month of Anti-US Joint Struggle for Withdrawal of US Imperialist Aggressor Troops from South Korea" was successfully held on a worldwide scale during the period from June 25 to July 27.

On the occasion of the month of anti-US joint struggle, telegrams and letters came to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung from foreign Party and state leaders, international democratic bodies, political parties, social organizations, prominent persons and attendants of mass rallies representing various circles in many countries of the world.

And international organizations and social organizations in different countries sent letters and telegrams of solidarity to their counterparts in our country.

During the month colourful functions such as mass rallies and demonstrations, lectures and photo exhibitions were held in socialist countries, countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America and some capitalist countries. In New York, too, there took place a solidarity meeting of the masses, with the picture of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung put in place of honour. The meeting condemned US imperialism's occupation of south Korea and supported the just struggle of the Korean people.

Those who took part in the meetings and demonstrations shouted aloud: "US troops, get out of south Korea!", "Immediate end to all aids to dictator Pak Jung Hi!" and "We support the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea!"

International democratic bodies and friendship associations, political parties, social organizations and personages of various circles in foreign countries issued statements and appeals.

Newspapers, news agencies, radio and TV stations throughout the world bitterly denounced the US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique for their manoeuvres for division and war and expressed their unreserved support to the Korean people in the struggle for the country's independent and peaceful reunification.

The first session of the International Liaison Committee for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea which was held in Algiers at a time when the voices of international solidarity with the Korean people in their just struggle were mounting higher established a standing secretariat, adopted the action programme and took practical steps to effectively support the struggle of the Korean people on a worldwide scale.

All the solidarity campaigns conducted during the month of anti-US joint struggle were a patent proof of the validity of the national reunification policy set forth by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and its great vitality.

These campaigns were a strong demonstration of the international solidarity of the progressive mankind with the struggle of the Korean people for driving out all the foreign forces and establishing national sovereignty throughout the country.

The warm support and encouragement expressed by the people the world over in the period of the month of anti-US joint struggle were a great inspiration to our people and a heavy blow to the US imperialists and their stooges.

Our people express deep thanks to all the governments, international organizations, political parties, social organizations and personages of all strata in different countries and the peaceloving peoples across the world for their unstinted support and encouragement.

As pointed out in unison by the people the world over, the present occupation of south Korea by the US imperialists is the root cause of all sufferings and misfortunes of the Korean people, the main obstacle in the way of Korea's reunification and the constant source of a new war in Korea.

The US imperialists have not quit south Korea until today, 24 years after the signing of the Armistice Agreement in Korea, but persistently resorted to their war schemes against our side and to their machinations to perpetuate the division of our country.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has taught:

"The US imperialists have already deployed numerous nuclear weapons along the Military Demarcation Line in our country, and recently are carrying out boisterous war exercises every day."

While talking about the US troop pullout from south Korea under the pressure of public opinion, the US imperialists are still attempting to continue with their military occupation of south Korea, leaving their beefed-up air and naval forces there.

Not only this. Their strategic bombers loaded with nuclear weapons incessantly stage air-raid exercises in south Korea and their high-altitude scout planes make reconnoitering flights in the air space of our side. The US imperialists frequently conduct joint military exercises with the south Korean puppet army and give their south Korean puppets a great sum of dollars and arms.

The US House of Representatives recently adopted the "security assistance authorization bill" for the fiscal 1978, which includes the offering of 280,400,000 dollars to the south Korean puppets as "security assistance", and the US authorities speak out that they would render additional military aid amounting to 1,900 million dollars in four years to come as "measures to make up for the US troop pullout."

At the end of July the US Secretary of Defence flew to south Korea and had a war confab with the south Korean puppets under the name of the "10th south Korea-US annual security consultative meeting". At the meeting this warmonger babbled about "security commitments" and "prompt support".

Today the US imperialists are further intensifying their policy of war while striking up the tune of peace and detente in Korea, and are still more beefing up their aggressive armed forces while harping on the withdrawal of US troops.

Such aid given by the US imperialists to the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique who wantonly infringe upon human rights shows the naked truth of the former's policy for "defence of human rights" which is on their lips.

All the facts make it plain that the US imperialists persist in their aggressive designs on our country.

Under the active aegis of the US imperialists the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique rejected the principles of national reunification—independence, peaceful reunification and great national unity—and turned down all of our proposals for peaceful reunification. They are engrossed in the "two Koreas" plot. These hooligans are playing with fire against us and stubbornly clinging to the policy of repression against the south Korean people. Their actions continue with increased intensity these days.

Advocating the "buildup of strength" intended to "cope with" the situation to be created in regard to the US troop pullout, the puppets are extensively reinforcing their armed forces and ceaselessly committing clamorous war exercises. More and more lethal weapons are introduced into south Korea under the excuse of the "modernization of equipment".

Even the Japanese reactionaries are so impudent as to twaddle about the so-called "balance of forces" and are dead set against the withdrawal of US troops from south Korea. They are not only instigating the south Korean puppets to war and division, but trying to make inroads deep into south Korea, guided by the puppets.

These moves of the US-Japanese reactionaries and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, their lackeys, are an intolerable challenge to the unanimous desire and aspiration of our people and the peaceloving people the world over.

The United States must no longer continue instigating the south Korean puppets to the confrontation of "strength" with us and to the machination for the permanent division of the nation.

And the United States must practice the immediate and total withdrawal of its aggression army and all the murderous weapons including nuclear arms from south Korea in accordance with the UN resolution and promptly respond to our demand for replacing the Armistice Agreement with a peace agreement.

The Pak Jung Hi puppet clique must give up the "two Koreas" plot, stop the war machination and fascist suppression and step down from office as demanded by the people.

The Japanese reactionaries must no more do such acts as assisting the traitor Pak Jung Hi-led puppet clique in all aspects and hindering Korea's reunification but break off all their close relations with the south Korean puppets.

Indeed, to chase out the US troops from south Korea and remove the danger of war in Korea is an urgent problem not only for peace in Korea and her peaceful reunification but also for peace in Asia and the rest of the world.

Hence, as the recent month of solidarity showed, the eyes of the world are focussed on Korea and mankind are raising higher their voices of solidarity with the Korean people.

Our people who are enjoying the positive support and encouragement from the world's people are fully determined to reunify their country independently, rejecting the interference of outside forces.

The Korean people are convinced that the peaceloving people the world over will, as in the past, continue to extend their unsparing support and encouragement to them in the struggle for national reunification.

KCNA Statement

The Korean Central News Agency has been authorized to state as follows:

According to reports from south Korea, the so-called "tenth south Korea-US annual security consultative meeting" was held between a party led by US Defence Secretary and the south Korean puppet clique in Seoul on July 25 and 26. Then came a "joint communique".

According to the joint communique, the party of the US Defence Secretary and the south Korean puppet clique decided to delay the withdrawal of the US troops and further reinforce the military power in south Korea under the pretext of curbing the fictitious "threat from the north" after consultations on "all compensatory measures" for the withdrawal of the US ground forces from south Korea.

This is an untenable act wholly at variance with the desire of the entire Korean people and the world's peaceloving people for an early withdrawal of all foreign troops from south Korea, relaxation of tensions between the north and the south and the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea.

We brand this as a move to perpetuate the division of Korea into "two Koreas" and increase tensions in Korea and Northeast Asia.

The joint communique provoked and threatened us, above all, with such bellicose phraseology that the pullout plan of the US ground forces does not signify any change in the US "security commitments" to south Korea and, in case of an "armed attack", the United States would "respond with prompt and effective assistance" to the south Korean puppets in accordance with the "South Korea-US Mutual Defence Treaty" and "neither north Korea nor any other country should have any doubt about the continuing strength of this US commitment".

The whole world knows that our Republic has declared more than once that it will not "invade the south".

This notwithstanding, the United States, in chorus with the south Korean puppet clique, slandered and threatened us with loud cries over fictitious "threat from the north". This was nothing but an attempt to find a pretext for justifying its arms reinforcement in south Korea.

According to the joint communique, the United States did not bother to conceal that, under such absurd pretext, it was planning to largely reinforce its military power to make up for the withdrawal of part of the US ground forces from south Korea.

In other words, only 6,000 men of the US ground forces are expected to be withdrawn by the end of 1978 and the later withdrawal will depend on the situation, and the main units will remain till the final stage of the withdrawal over a period of four to five years.

All the weapons of the US troops are to be transferred "free" to the south Korean puppet clique and they will go out empty-handed.

In compensation for this very dubious ground troops "withdrawal", the strength of the US air forces will be reinforced still further, the navy and military intelligence and logistic support personnel will remain in south Korea for the indefinite future and the maximum military support of all forms will be additionally given to the puppet army for its "modernization" and arms reinforcement.

Judging from this, it is obviously even more a plan for arms reinforcement and war preparations than a plan of troop withdrawal.

As pointed out in the joint communique, the United States and the south Korean puppet clique decided to "continue and expand" the "joint military exercises" of the US troops and the south Korean puppet army for the purpose of strengthening preparedness for war, even though part of the US ground troops are withdrawn.

It must be noted that they even decided to set up a new "Joint South Korea-US Command".

The joint communique made no mention of the withdrawal of the US nuclear weapons from south Korea. The US Defence Secretary blared at a press conference that south Korea is "under the nuclear umbrella" of the US.

All facts clearly show that, for all the US talk about the withdrawal of part of its troops from south Korea, it does not mean to give up the plan of a war of aggression on Korea or renounce the prerogative of supreme command and domination over south Korea.

The United States and the south Korean puppet clique in their joint communique arbitrarily drivelled about maintaining the "UN Command".

This is the challenge and mockery of the resolution of the 30th UN General Assembly calling for the dissolution of the "UN Command".

The joint communique which the party led by US Defence Secretary issued after confabs with the south Korean puppet clique literally proves that the US, while advocating "peace" outwardly, is preparing a war inwardly and it has not abandoned the wild desire to permanently occupy south Korea and divide Korea into "two Koreas" for ever.

And the United States is encouraging the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique bent on arms reinforcement and the provocation of a war, helping strengthen their fascist dictatorial system and letting them further intensify their barbarous suppression of the south Korean people.

The joint communique between the United States and the south Korean puppet clique, in the final analysis, means that the Carter Administration itself is violating the "campaign pledges" to withdraw the US troops from south Korea.

The US Defence Secretary delivered this time a "message" from Carter to puppet Pak Jung Hi. And the joint communique reiterates word by word and concretizes the content of this message.

By its decision to openly render so colossal military assistance to such notorious military fascist as puppet Pak Jung Hi, the Carter Administration itself is violating under the eyes of the world its "pledge" not to give "aid" to the countries violating the human rights.

Such is the nature of the joint communique between the United States and the south Korean puppet clique.

The Korean people and the world's peaceloving people will never allow the US ruling circles to reinforce the military power and intensify military confrontation between the north and the south jointly with the south Korean puppet clique, using the proposed withdrawal of the US ground forces from south Korea as a smokescreen.

Such moves of the United States will not ease the strain on the Korean peninsula, but aggravate it, and the United States itself will get nothing therefrom.

The south Korean puppet clique stood this time stark naked before the whole world as a traitor by piteously begging their master to help prolong their days, clinging to his sleeve.

They discarded more rudely the three principles of national reunification laid down in the North-South Joint Statement by racing headlong along the criminal road of stepping up the war preparations against compatriots in reliance upon the outside forces and perpetuating the division of the country through the "two Koreas" plot.

The south Korean puppet clique will be brought to justice by the entire Korean people for their treacheries never to be condoned.

For alleviating tensions and preserving and consolidating peace in Korea and accelerating the independent and peaceful reunification of the country today all the US forces, ground, air and naval, and all the means of war including nuclear weapons must be completely withdrawn from south Korea and the United States must take hands off south Korea and no longer interfere in the internal affairs of Korea.

Pyongyang, July 30, 1977

Wreaths and Bunches of Flowers Placed on Graves of Grandparents and Parents of the Great Leader and at the Foot of Statue of Mother Kang Ban Sok on 45th Anniv. of Her Death

On the occasion of the 45th anniversary of the death of Mother Kang Ban Sok, an indomitable communist revolutionary fighter, Party and government leaders and working women on July 31 laid wreaths and bunches of flowers on the graves of grandparents and parents of the great leader and at the foot of the statue of the Mother.

Wreaths sent by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung were laid in place of honour on the grave of his grandparents and the grave of his parents at the foot of the green hill of historic Mangyongdae.

Present at the wreath-laying were Comrade Kang Ryang Uk and other cadres and working women.

Wreaths and bunches of flowers were laid amid the playing of the wreath-laying music in the name of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Central People's Committee of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Administration Council of the DPRK, Party and government bodies, working people's organizations, scientific, educational, cultural, public health and press institutions, factories and enterprises and cooperative farms.

Attendants observed a moment's silence in memory of Kim Hyong Jik, an indomitable communist revolutionary fighter and outstanding leader of the anti-Japanese national-liberation movement of our country who devoted his whole life to the struggle for the restoration of the fatherland and the happiness of the people, and Mother Kang Ban Sok, an ardent revolutionary fighter and prominent leader of the communist women's movement of our country who devoted her all to the struggle for the restoration of the fatherland and the emancipation of women.

Meanwhile, the Party and government leaders and working women also laid wreaths and bunches of flowers at the foot of the statue of Mother Kang Ban Sok erected in the time-honoured historic site of revolution in Chilgol, a historic place where Mother Kang Ban Sok was born and spent her childhood.

On the same day, the 34th home-visiting group of compatriots in Japan placed wreaths on the graves of grandparents and parents of the great leader and at the foot of the statue of Mother Kang Ban Sok.

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the national-liberation struggle and the communist women's movement in our country.

With a noble determination to share life and death, weal and woe with Kim Hyong Jik, an outstanding leader of the anti-Japanese national-liberation movement of our country, in the course of the revolution, she did her best to help Kim Hyong Jik in his revolutionary work under whatever difficult circumstances.

Comrade Chong Jun Gi said that Mother Kang Ban Sok is the great mother of Korea who brought up the sun of Korea and supported the revolutionary cause of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of our people.

The mother did all she could to bring up her son, the respected and beloved leader, into the sagacious leader and great saviour of our nation who would achieve the restoration of the fatherland and build a paradise for the people in this land.

Amid the tender and noble affection and profound care of the mother the respected and beloved leader grew up to be the great leader of the revolution who would carve out the future of the country and the nation and took the sacred road for the restoration of the fatherland, the speaker noted, and went on: after the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung started his revolutionary activities, the mother, disregarding her own hardships and danger, helped the great leader in his revolutionary work in every way.

The speaker said that Mother Kang Ban Sok, an ardent woman revolutionary fighter, was a prominent leader of the Korean women's movement who opened the beginning of the communist women's movement in our country by splendidly embodying the immortal Juche idea of the respected and beloved leader in the movement for the emancipation of the women.

It was not until the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung stood in the van of the revolution and founded a Juche-oriented idea of women's emancipation that the revolutionary road for the emancipation of the women opened in our country, and the Korean women's movement made its real beginning only after Mother Kang Ban Sok started the women's movement, upholding the great leader's idea of women's emancipation.

Guided and helped by the great leader, Mother Kang Ban Sok, an ardent communist revolutionary fighter, formed the Anti-Japanese Women's Association, the first communistic women's revolutionary organization in our country, on December 26, 1926, to translate into practice the unique idea and policy of the women's question expounded by the respected and beloved leader, and she became its Chairman in accordance with the unanimous will of all the women's association members and women.

The formation of the Anti-Japanese Women's Association by the energetic activities of Mother Kang Ban Sok was a historic event which opened the way for a new turn in the development of the movement for the emancipation of the women and the socio-political life of the women in our country.

The Anti-Japanese Women's Association formed by Mother Kang Ban Sok was a revolutionary women's organization of a new type which struck its roots deep among the broad masses of the working women opposed to Japanese imperialism and a revolutionary women's organization of Juche type which was guided by the respected and beloved leader's idea of the emancipation of the women and struggled for its implementation.

Mother Kang Ban Sok, an indomitable revolutionary fighter, energetically struggled for the freedom and emancipation of the women, taking the Anti-Japanese Women's Association as a weapon of struggle, the speaker stressed.

Thanks to the energetic revolutionary activities of Mother Kang Ban Sok, the women's emancipation movement of our country freed itself from all the evil consequences of the preceding period and grew and developed into a militant and revolutionary movement following only the ideas of the great leader and many women, looking up to the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung in high esteem as the lodestar of liberation and the sun of the nation, grew up to be ardent revolutionaries faithful to him.

The undying exploits performed by Mother Kang Ban Sok in the struggle for the restoration of the fatherland and the emancipation of the women constitute a firm asset for the development of the communist women's movement in our country and still powerfully propel the struggle of our people and women for the final solution of the women's question.

Memorial meetings were held also in all provinces, cities and counties on the 45th anniversary of the death of Mother Kang Ban Sok, an ardent communist and prominent political activist.

Report of KPA Supreme Command

Proceeding from the situation prevailing in our country, the Supreme Command of the Korean People's Army establishes the military boundary to dependably safeguard the economic sea zone of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and firmly defend militarily the national interests and sovereignty of the country.

The military boundary is up to 50 miles from the starting line of the territorial waters in the East Sea and to the boundary line of the economic sea zone in the West Sea.

In the military boundary (on the sea, in the sea and in the sky) acts of foreigners, foreign military vessels and foreign military planes are prohibited and civilian ships and civilian planes (excluding fishing boats) are allowed to navigate or fly only with appropriate prior agreement or approval.

In the military boundary (on the sea, in the sea and in the sky) civilian vessels and civilian planes shall not conduct acts for military purposes or acts infringing upon the economic interests.

Motherland Makes Him Speak

Li Song Ho is a son of Li Pan Gil, a farmer of the Kwansang Cooperative Farm, Kwaksan county, North Pyongan Province. He had been dumb. Recently, he became able to speak. He was discharged from hospital. All blessed him.

His parents, Pan Gil and Bok Sil, lived in Fukuoka City until their return home from Japan.

When they turned over 30, a son came to them, but unfortunately he was found dumb.

With a forlorn hope to have the son's mouth opened, they began saving money penny by penny, though they didn't know where the next meal would come from. Now, some savings encouraged them to knock at the door of a noted hospital.

But Japan is a society where the life of a patient is weighed in the scales of his purse. Before examining the case, a Japanese doctor looked up and down at the shabbily clad couple and then told them that the baby was beyond cure because he was born dumb. For him there would be no alternative but to remain a deaf-mute all his life, the doctor said.

Taking the doctor at his word, the parents gave up the idea of having him cured. Even after their coming back home, they thought no more about this.

However, some doctors here in the homeland took Song Ho to their hospital with them and examined his case. Their conclusion was that an operation on him after his little more growth would make him speak. It was a great hope to his parents.

A few years later, the Provincial Central Hospital took in Song Ho without forgetting him. Thanks to the medical workers' sincere efforts he acquired the faculty of speaking at last. Needless to say, not a penny was paid for his treatment.

The day when he left the hospital, Song Ho, now a school boy, said to a reporter in reply:

"If I were in Japan, I would be no more than a dumb boy rummaging in garbage bins even now. My socialist homeland made me speak and let me go to school. Cherishing this favour in my heart, I will study hard and become a fine son of the motherland."

His pronunciation was so distinct that the doctor and nurses in charge and his parents doubted their own ears, wondering if he was really dumb before.

"You are right. The great leader has built up this good society and called us to the homeland, providing us with the happiness of today. Let us practice loyalty to him through successive generations."

At the moment when the first dialogue between the father and son was heard, those around them were deeply moved. Tears of joy, tears of emotion were rolling down their cheeks.

Kim Han

Holiday makers discuss their favourite topics (at the Toejo Rest Home)

Average Life Span Increases by One Year Annually

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"In our system, nothing is more precious than the people. We should develop our public health services to protect the lives of the people and further promote the health of the working people."

Today in our country public health services are developing rapidly thanks to the wise leadership and profound care of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

In the northern half of our Republic there were only 79 hospitals and 17 rural clinics in the years of Japanese imperialist colonial rule. But today hospitals and clinics are to be found in all places where working people live and work.

During the Six-Year Plan which was fulfilled one year and four months ahead of schedule, the number of hospitals increased 2.8 times and that of their accommodations 1.4 times.

During this period, the work of developing clinics in rural *ri* into hospitals was completed with the result that the medical service for the working people and medical facilities were further improved.

Today in our country the average life span of the people has grown by over 32 years and their mortality rate has been reduced to one third as compared with the pre-liberation days.

This means that the average life span of the people has increased by one year annually ever since the August 15 liberation in 1945.

Our people enjoy the benefits of perfect and universal free medical care in the veritable paradise provided by the fatherly leader and live long in good health. "Sixty is the prime of life and ninety is the first step to old age" in our time is the very apt expression often heard.

Kim Yu Sam

Our Superior Socialist System Under Which the State Assumes Responsibility for the Life of All Working People

Today our people live an immensely happy life under the grateful socialist system.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"The superiority of our socialist system also lies in the fact that the state takes full responsibility for the material and cultural well-being of the workers, peasants and other working people."

The socialist society where the means of production are socialized and power is in the hands of the people opens up before the working people a broad vista for enjoying an independent and creative life to their hearts' content as the genuine master of society.

But the material and cultural welfare of the socialist working people does not come of itself even after the socialist system is established. It can be enriched with the constant concern and continuous benefits from the socialist state which deems it its important duty to responsibly guarantee the working people's life.

In a nutshell, the superiority of the socialist system in which all the working people are evenly well off and the people's living standard is systematically raised can be highly displayed and practically ensured through the correct measures of the state taken for the people.

Our state takes the most popular measures because it regards the immortal Juche idea as an unswerving guiding principle in its activity.

The Juche idea propounded by the great leader demands that man stand in the centre of everything and everything serve man.

The Juche idea that makes the attitude towards people or the popular masses a loftiest one and helps to solve all the problems arising in the revolution and construction in conformity with their interests is thoroughly embodied in all policies and lines of the state and in the day-to-day activities of the state bodies.

Today our socialist state, first of all, provides its people with adequate conditions for food, clothing and housing.

In our country the state bears full responsibility for the food problem of the people.

The state enforces a most popular food policy whereby it purchases grain from the farmers with huge payings and supplies it to the factory and office workers at a cheap price next to nil.

In point of fact, everyone in this land is given the right to be fed the moment he is born and this right is actually guaranteed by the state.

The clothing problem of our working people has also been successfully solved thanks to the deep concern of the state.

In the days of Japanese imperialist rule, the per capita textile output was as low as 14 centimetres. But today our country turns out hundreds of millions of metres of fabrics of wide variety every year. This owes to the great favour of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

And the clothing factories and knitwear mills built in all parts of the country mass-produce smart clothes congenial to the sentiments and tastes of our working people at the present times. Particularly, all children and students, from the nursery and kindergarten children to the college and university students, are supplied with seasonal clothes by the state at low prices.

The housing problem has been splendidly settled in our country, when it has come about as a serious social problem in many capitalist countries of the world.

The state builds many modern and cosy flats every year to meet fully the needs of the factory and office workers for living quarters. Modern houses built by the state also go to farmers. Moreover, the state bears nearly all the expenses involving the use of the houses. The house rent, fuel expense, water and electricity fees hold a negligible, tiny portion of the living costs of the population.

The state care for the people's livelihood also finds its manifestation in the stabilized life ensured to all, able-bodied or disabled.

Our state not only provides all who can work with stable jobs according to their ability and aptitude, but also assumes full responsibility for those who cannot work because of old age or illness and for old people and children with no one to support them by enforcing the perfect systems of state social insurance, state social maintenance and free medical care, so that they can enjoy as comfortable a life as others.

Thus, all the citizens of this land spend fruitful days, filled with hopes and aspiration for the future under the care of the state and society.

Another salient expression of the popular policy of the state for the life of the working people is the creation of life-environment, clean and sanitary, free from pollution.

From the first days of the construction of a new society, our state, true to the lofty intention of the great leader, has directed serious attention to preventing even the slightest harm of pollution to the people.

The state rationally distributed heavy and light industrial establishments to prevent the excessive concentration of factories and inhabitants in a few towns and has always taken bold and active steps to preserve the scenic beauty of our land and the clean living environment, even if they may rather affect economic benefits.

Now our people are living in towns and villages thickened with verdure, breathing fresh air and drinking clean water, not knowing what pollution-causing is like.

Chang Ik Su

Visiting Sindok Water Factory

Ryongwol-ri, Onchon county, situated on the seaside of western Korea is widely known for Sindok water.

After travelling by train from Pyongyang for an hour or more, we got off at a local station and headed for a densely wooded valley.

What came in sight was the white-walled, two-storied building nestling cosily in the centre of the green forest. It was the Sindok Water Factory.

Chief engineer Cho Ji Chon of the factory warmly greeted us and led us to a big water tank.

When we got into the tank, we could see crystalline spring water bubbling up from cracks of a rock. The water was refreshing to look at.

In our country clear fountains, spas and hot springs are to be found everywhere. Korea is, indeed, a country with beautiful mountains and clear water.

But in the days gone by, all the beautiful and precious things in Korea were at the mercy of the feudal rulers and Japanese colonialists. The areas of fountains and mineral springs were used only for their playgrounds and money-making places, far from being used for the people's life.

Even at the time of world-wide scientific development when hydrotherapeutics came to hold an important place in medical treatment as a result of the discovery of radium and rapid progress of physical chemistry and modern medical science, hydrotherapeutics could not smoothly develop in Korea owing to the oppressors who occupied our land and lorded it over our people.

It was only after the August 15 liberation from the yoke of Japanese imperialism in 1945 that our mineral and spring water came into the possession of the people and was used for their health promotion.

The respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"We should use spas and hot springs abundant in our country for medical treatment and disease prevention on a mass scale and in a diverse way."

Under the fatherly leader's profound solicitude, health resorts and rest homes and sanatoria, and large-scale modernly equipped mineral water processing factories and medium- and small-sized mineral and spring water processing factories were built everywhere in our country after liberation to be used for medical treatment of the people and the promotion of their health.

The chief engineer said: Prospecting corps and research institutes were formed for systematic investigation and research into mineral spring. In this course many new hot springs, spas and fountains were developed and a scientific analysis of chemical properties of water was made.

He went on to say:

It is said that there are many macrobians in the area where hydrogen ion concentration of water is over 6.1. But as for Sindok water it is 6.8.

Sindok water is soft water and its solidity is 1 to 1.4 degrees.

It is charged with a proper quantity of beneficial microelements —fluorine, ferrous iron, zinc, aluminium, etc.—and other properties are also far better than the hygienic standard index. The result of its bacteriological examination is excellent incomparably.

He added: The population of this area is not so large. But many people are now past 100 years of age. People above 80 number 300 and now past 70 amount to 1,500.

We stepped into the factory.

Seen there were large-sized machines and equipment for water processing, such as rectifier, silver electrolytic cells, precision filters and facilities for killing germs by ultraviolet rays.

Spring water that flows into the factory along the nichrome pipes installed on the walls of the water tank is automatically bottled after going through various processes and carried away by belt conveyor.

Among those engaged in water processing are girl workers in clean blouse. People say their complexion has become softer and prettier as they drink Sindok water. All the workers are filled with intense loyalty to the fatherly leader: they hurry with their work to supply more spring water permeated with the fatherly leader's affection to the working people all over the country.

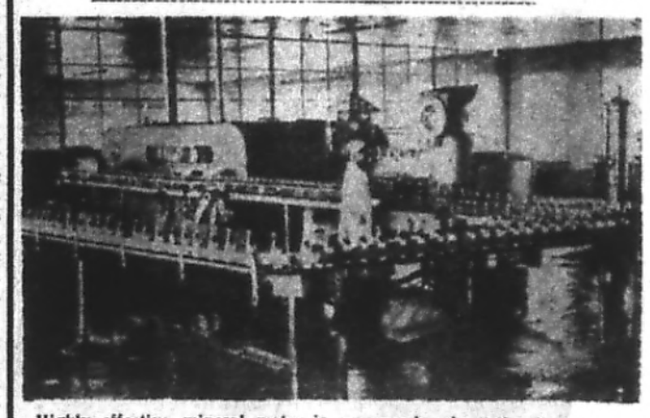
When we went out, light drone of machines was heard. It reverberated far and wide over the valley, breaking the silence of the forest.

What caught our attention was lorries carrying a full load of bottled spring water and running through the forest. The chief engineer said in an excited tone:

"How can we regard them as a mere procession of lorries? It is a flow of affection of the fatherly leader as eternal as a fountain. Back home, tell those around you how Sindok water came to be supplied to the people in all parts of the country."

Under our good socialist system established by the fatherly leader, our working people are now living happily, freed from cares and worries about food, clothing and medical care. Even today when the whole capitalist world is suffering from lack of drinking water caused by the "worst drought in the contemporary century", our people have no worry about water. Thinking quietly of the happy life of our people, we left the factory.

Kim Yun Sik



Highly effective mineral water is massproduced at the Kangso Mineral Water Factory

The United States Must Completely Withdraw from South Korea All Its Forces, Ground, Air and Naval, and All the Means of War Including Nuclear Weapons

US Must Take Its Hands off Korea Completely

The US troop pullout from south Korea is now a principled demand and an urgent problem whose solution brooks no further delay in preserving peace in Korea and Asia and achieving the independent and peaceful reunification of our country.

That is why the peaceloving people the world over have been closely watching the present US Administration to see how it will carry into practice the election "commitment" on the withdrawal of the US troops from south Korea.

The US authorities have shown a series of moves in this context of late. In connection with the question of US troop pullout, the US Undersecretary of State and the Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff visited south Korea and Japan in May. Later, towards the end of July, the US Defence Secretary and his entourage turned up in Seoul with a "message" of the US President, had a "South Korea-US Annual Security Consultative Meeting" with the puppet clique and made public a "joint communique." Then the US Defence Secretary had press conferences in Seoul and Washington to explain the results of the meeting. The US State Secretary and other high ranking authorities of the US have also mentioned this question on various occasions.

But the US authorities did not utter a word about the complete withdrawal of the US troops. On the contrary, they made it plain that the US does not intend to withdraw its troops present in south Korea immediately, totally and for good, but seeks a sinister aim of keeping south Korea under the occupation of US troops, hastening the war preparations and creating "two Koreas" with a tight hold on south Korea for an indefinite period.

It is said that in case of the troop withdrawal from south Korea, the US will confine it to the ground forces, carrying it out over a period of 4 to 5 years, and that only 6,000 men will be withdrawn by the end of 1978 and the remaining troops be pulled out "phase by phase", depending on the "situation," the main units staying till the last moments.

It is also said that the "UN Command" will be preserved and a new "Joint South Korea-US Command" be set up.

Brown said that the south Korean puppet clique will "be protected by the US nuclear umbrella".

He added that large combined units of the US ground, naval and air forces are kept in Japan, Okinawa and Guam so that they can be "promptly deployed" in south Korea when necessary.

Claiming that the withdrawal of the US ground forces is possible only under condition of a "thorough compensatory measure," it plans to provide the puppets with billions of dollars in military "aid" and loans for the reinforcement of the puppet army strength and its armament.

Besides, the United States is noisily advertizing that it would step up "joint military exercises" with the puppets.

All this shows that the United States has no intention to withdraw from south Korea completely and that it tries to reinforce the armed force of the puppet troops under the cloak of the withdrawal of its ground forces and eggs on the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique to push forward war preparations.

It is strange that the present US government, which declared its opposition to a regime violating human rights, promises continued colossal military "aid" to the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, a group of most truculent fascist hangmen.

The US is inveigling even the Japanese aggressive forces into its policies of aggression and war.

According to Japanese press reports, Brown stopped over in Japan on his way back from south Korea and had repeated talks in camera with the Japanese ruling circles, at which he informed the latter of the content of the "discussion" at the "security consultative meeting" and "requested" Japan to increase her "share of military burden" and "economic aid" to south Korea, and this was reportedly made a "subject of an official consultation".

This indicates that the US, while talking about its ground troop pullout, schemes to largely enlist and utilize not only Japan's monopoly capital but her military potential as well in the execution of its aggressive policy in Korea.

All these aggressive steps of the US imperialists are camouflaged with the deceptive outcries over "threat of southward aggression."

The peaceful solution of the Korean question is our invariable stand and policy. We unanimously hold that the relations between the north and the south should be improved and the reunification problem be settled through the north-south negotiation and collaboration.

Our people have never encroached on anyone nor threatened the United States.

The threat felt in Korea now does not come from the north but from the south.

"Threat of southward aggression" is a fiction invented by the US imperialists to justify their policies of occupation and colonial enslavement in south Korea.

A series of rows kicked up by the US imperialists in south Korea are an offspring of their aggressive policy for creating "two Koreas" by blocking reunification and freezing her division and thus keeping south Korea as their colony and military base.

This is a challenge to our people and the world peaceloving people who earnestly desire peace in Korea and her peaceful reunification and demand the immediate withdrawal of the US troops from south Korea, and a dangerous action to harass peace and render tension acute in Korea.

Our people will never tolerate or connive at the manoeuvres of the US imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique to bar the reunification of our country at all costs and perpetuate her division, disturb peace and increase tension in Korea.

The United States should discontinue its anachronistic act of instigating the south Korean puppet clique to split and war and withdraw all its aggressive armed forces unconditionally, immediately and totally from south Korea as was decided at the UN, and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique should renounce their treacherous act of selling off the country and the nation, tailing behind the US imperialists, and step down from "power".

Our people will certainly realize the historic cause of national reunification, pushing aside the manoeuvres of the splittists within and without.

Members of British Committee for Korea Issues Statement

Malcolm Caldwell and John Halliday, Members of the British Committee for Korea, presently on a visit to our country, issued a statement on July 27, after visiting Panmunjom.

The statement pointed out:

The division of Korea is a tragedy.

Panmunjom has come to symbolize both the armistice and the division of Korea.

We are sure that all the Korean people in both the north and the south yearn for the reunification of their country.

The presence of US, British and other foreign troops in south Korea is the main obstacle to the ultimate achievement of the goal of reunification.

We consider that all foreign military personnel and weapons should be withdrawn from south Korea at the earliest possible moment, in accordance with the wishes and rights of the Korean people and the rising demand of people at all levels around the world.

Today is the 24th anniversary of the signing of the armistice.

We feel that the Korean people have a right not only to the reunification of their country, but also to firm guarantees of long-term peace.

The armistice was signed by the DPRK and the USA.

We, therefore, support appeals for replacing the armistice with a full peace treaty between the DPRK and the USA.

"There Is No Reason to Keep US Troops in South Korea Any Longer"

GIs in South Korea Declare

"Yomiuri Shimbun" July 25 quoted a report of the US paper the "Washington Post" July 25 that GIs stationed in south Korea sent a petition to their President Carter demanding the withdrawal of the US policy of supporting and encouraging the Pak Jung Hi puppet regime, according to a report from Tokyo.

The petition was sent in joint name of 17 GIs including Edward S. Cracraft, private first class of the US Second Infantry Division occupying south Korea.

According to the report of "Yomiuri Shimbun", Edward S. Cracraft, a signer to the petition, stressed in his interview with the "Washington Post" correspondent that those who are risking their lives on the front might be entitled to participate in deciding a policy. He claimed that there is no reason to keep US troops in south Korea any longer.

The petition said to the following effect:

We the undersigned are United States military personnel stationed in the Republic of Korea. We believe that with the current Administration's stand on human rights, it is time for the American government and the American people to position themselves against the regime of the south Korean dictator President Pak Jung Hi. We are personally not prepared to fight, die, or support for another minute a narrow minded government that:

1. Under the guises of anti-communism and democracy allows its leader absolute power over his subjects.

2. Legally and illegally jails, tortures, harasses, and, when they can, executes on trumped up charges of subversion, those who would seek constructive change of the Korean government and to provide basic freedoms of speech, press, and expression that are the hallmarks of a real democracy.

And we cannot understand what our government means when we are taught the basic military propaganda that we are here to preserve and defend a democratic nation from assault by north Korea. We urge you to quit supporting them. Pak dosn't want us to leave because if we do he will no longer have American support for his dictatorship.

Trade Unions International of Food Industry, Tobacco, Hotel and Allied Workers Sends Telegram of Protest to US President

If is reported that the Trade Unions International of the Food Industry, Tobacco, Hotel and Allied Workers sent on July 18 a telegram of protest to US President Carter on the occasion of the month of anti-US joint struggle.

Declaring full support and firm solidarity of the Trade Unions International for the Korean people and workers in their struggle to achieve the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, the telegram said:

The south Korean occupation by the US troops is the chief obstacle to the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea and the basic factor for the danger of a new war.

Taking into consideration your campaign pledges to pull back the US troops from south Korea and give no encouragement to the Pak Jung Hi clique trampling upon the human rights of the south Korean people, the workers and progressives the world over strongly demand that you unconditionally carry them into practice.

We demand that you give up all the schemings to create "two Koreas" and strongly demand that you take out of south Korea at an early date the US ground, naval and air forces occupying south Korea and the nuclear weapons and remove the military bases quickly for the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea and a genuine peace there.

This will create favourable conditions for the democratisation of south Korean society and the great unity of the Korean people.

We, in the name of 14 million workers in the whole world under the Trade Unions International of the Food Industry, Tobacco, Hotel and Allied Workers, strongly request the President to accept the proposal for replacing the Armistice Agreement with a peace agreement made by the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and reply to it.

In conclusion the telegram demanded an end to the fascist violation of human rights by the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

DEMONSTRATION AND RALLY IN NEW YORK

A mammoth demonstration opposing the US imperialists' policy of aggression towards Korea and expressing firm solidarity with the Korean people in the struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country was held in downtown New York on June 29.

Taking part in the demonstration were members of the "US-Out-of-Korea Committee" of the Youth against War and Fascism and US anti-war and peace champions numbering several hundreds.

Demonstrators were holding streamers bearing the words: "US Defence Department and Wall Street, hands off Korea!" "Support to Korean people's struggle for national reunification!" "US, stop at once all aid to dictator Pak Jung Hi!" They marched through the streets for two hours, shouting the slogans "US, get out of Korea!" "One Korea Yes, two Koreas No!" "Take out of south Korea US troops and nuclear weapons!"

Demonstrators distributed to citizens an appeal which carried a picture showing the sorry sight of the US imperialist aggression troops defeated miserably in the Korean war and which bore the words meaning that the US must stop "aid" to the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and ship the troops and nuclear weapons out of south Korea.

The demonstration was preceded by a rally. A leading member of the "US-Out-of-Korea Committee" of the Youth against War and Fascism spoke at the meeting. Stressing his opposition to a new Korean war, he expressed full support to and solidarity with the Korean people in the righteous struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of their fatherland.

New Yorkers (left) and Stockholmers (right) stage demonstration, shouting slogans "US imperialists, get out of south Korea!" and "No support to Pak regime!"

Advancing Yugoslavia

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"Under the leadership of Comrade President Josip Broz Tito, the Yugoslav people are achieving much success in socialist construction, while firmly defending national sovereignty and ensuring the equality and unity of the people and nationalities."

Under the able leadership of Comrade President Josip Broz Tito, the Yugoslav people, while maintaining independence in the home and foreign policies, have made great achievements in their endeavour to build socialism based on self-government and turned their country into a developed socialist industrial and agricultural state.

They have brought about great changes in the economic fields by carrying out five-year plans for the country's economic development.

Today the industrial output has grown 14 times as compared with that before World War II. New industrial branches such as machine-building industry, power industry, ferrous metal industry, chemical and oil industries, etc.—have been created and the industry as a whole is developing in quick tempo. Transport and communications are also being improved.

Now the Yugoslav government is directing great efforts to agriculture. The per-unit-area yields of main crops are on the steady increase. At present the agricultural output is twice the figure before World War II.

Science, education and culture have also made significant headway. People's living is being improved and complete equality and unity have been realized among various nationalities.

The success attained in the struggle for the independent development of the country and socialist construction is the great fruit of the creative labour of the industrious people of that country. It is a great pride of Yugoslavia, and at the same time, it gives encouragement to the progressive people the world over who are out to build a new society.

The Korean people highly appreciate all the successes gained by the Yugoslav people and warmly hail them.

Ours is an era of independence and an era of anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle. The government and people of Yugoslavia have made a great contribution to the development of the international relations by actively promoting the non-alignment policy that fully reflects the demands of the development of our age. The international prestige of Yugoslavia has risen considerably.

Both the Korean and Yugoslav peoples are endeavouring to strengthen and develop the non-aligned movement, a mighty anti-imperialist revolutionary force of our time.

Chin Bang Hun

Wheat harvesting in Yugoslavia

South Korean Workers Fight on for the Right to Live

According to reports, 700 or more workers of the Chinyang Chemical Company, Ltd. in Pusan, south Korea, called a massive strike of late. This showdown came when the owner of the company broke his promise to increase wages by 10 per cent from June on the pretext of "financial difficulty", the promise obtained through their struggle put up at the beginning of this year.

The strike completely paralyzed the company management.

On July 12 more than 100 bus girls in Pusan boycotted work and unfolded a stubborn struggle, enraged at the employer's infringement on their dignity. Finding unreasonable fault with a bus girl, he had beaten her at random and split her eardrum on the ground that she brought a small sum of money with her.

On July 15 upwards of 500 workers of the Taejin Company, Ltd. in the west district of Pusan waged a sit-down in demand of the immediate payment of their back wages.

Workers' struggles of this sort are to be observed in different parts of south Korea.

Though exact figures are not available due to the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique's rigid censorship, the cases of workers' struggles are estimated at more than 200 in the first five months of this year.

Hail Jamaican People

On August 6, 1962, 15 years ago, the people of Jamaica achieved the independence of their country.

Since independence, particularly since the establishment of the present government in 1972, the Jamaican people have made a rapid stride in their struggle to create a new life.

A series of progressive measures have been taken by the government and people in order to destroy the predatory economic foothold of the imperialists and develop the national economy.

The result is that the US Reynolds Jamaica Mines and a number of other monopoly companies have been placed under state control or nationalized and signal successes have been achieved in all domains of creation of a new life.

The government of Jamaica is struggling against the "commercial law" of US imperialism and striving to defend national dignity and sovereignty and set up a new international economic order.

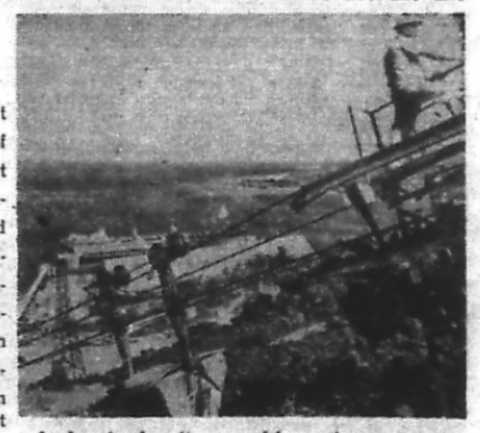
The US imperialists who dislike the independent advance of Jamaica are resorting to every conceivable manoeuvre such as anti-government plot by instigating internal reactionaries.

By no ruse, however, could they dampen the dynamic aspiration of the Jamaican people to follow the independent path.

Recently, Prime Minister Michael Manley declared that Jamaica would continue to bring about progressive socio-economic changes conforming to the interests of the nation and that it decided to seize the shares of the US Reynolds Jamaica Mines and 80 per cent of the property of the British Barclays Bank.

The government and people of Jamaica carry out the policy of non-alignment and extend active support and encouragement to the national liberation struggle of the oppressed peoples. An example is that at the close of last year they sent 25,000 Jamaican dollars as solidarity fund for the cause of liberation of the African people.

We Korean people highly evaluate all the successes attained by the Jamaican people and fully support the progressive measures taken by them.



In Jamaica bauxite, one of her major resources, is turned out in large quantities

At the same time, we offer warm congratulations to the people of Jamaica on their national holiday and sincerely wish them greater victory in their future struggle to build a new society.

Cho Son Won

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